

Project 535

The month of January symbolizes a new year and a new beginning. With legislators here in Washington, D.C. beginning a new congressional session, Concerned Women for America (CWA) recognizes that January is a time to press onward with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm. If you'd like to begin this New Year protecting and promoting Biblical values in our nation, consider joining our "Project 535" volunteer program!

"Project 535," named for the 535 members of Congress, is an avenue for CWA members all across the nation to make an impact directly on their representatives. Divided into three categories, "Project 535" combines the national, state and local components of advocacy, harmoniously cooperating to effect the most change. The process begins here in Washington. Once a month when Congress is in session our "Capitol Hill Liaisons" are briefed on a current pro-family, pro-life bill or nomination, then go in pairs to visit congressional offices to encourage officials and their staff to support that issue. Our lively volunteers can tackle up to 70 offices in one day, causing many on Capitol Hill to take notice of the impact CWA has on legislative agendas.

Next, the state "535 Coordinators" and local "Home District Liaisons" move into action. They are given alerts on the result of our national lobby days and then rally



While headlines have focused on Democrats regaining control of both Houses of Congress, CWA won notable victories on the state level as several new states passed marriage protection amendments. Twenty-seven of twenty-eight states that have voted on this issue passed marriage protection. It is clear where Americans stand on marriage.

their home bases of CWA members. CWA members from across the nation respond to the call and contact their congressmen regarding the issue on which the "Capitol Hill Liaisons" just lobbied. This exponentially expands CWA's influence because congressmen hear directly from the constituents who keep them accountable and stress the importance of pro-family, pro-life legislation.

"Project 535" volunteers are essential to the groundwork of CWA efforts from here in D.C. to their kitchen tables. To learn more about how you can be involved in "Project 535," visit www.cwfa.org, or contact Amelia Wigton, National Project 535 Coordinator, at 1-800-458-8797, ext. 131.

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